

This fall I had planned to contest an election against the Senator. I never dreamed I would be mourning his death. I was his political opponent. And, as two fighters at the end of a boxing match who embrace each other after the final bell has rung, I am sad for myself we never had that moment.

This body began the good work of providing a living memorial to Paul and Sheila and the others who died. We are proud that it will be in St. Paul, the city I served as mayor. It is a Paul and Sheila Wellstone kind of place. It is literally where the East meets the West. Since Paul came from the East, as I did, he probably felt very much at home in our ethnic neighborhoods, filled with middle-class working families. It has been a destination for immigrants, as were the Wellstones a generation back. It is a city of hard work and big dreams, the soul of who Paul and Sheila were.

We have the opportunity to retain that spirit; and that is the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community Building.

It will be a 93,000-square-foot building. A community center is a poor substitute for the real thing—Paul and Sheila themselves—but it is worth doing, providing a safe place where kids can play and learn, where families can receive training and support and community members can be organized to fight injustice and partake in the American dream.

In the spirit of Paul Wellstone, I should probably be out here trying to triple the funding because he was always pushing the edge, but I was sent here by my constituents with a more conservative vision. I simply urge my colleagues to support the funding level for the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center authorized last year. I honor Paul and Sheila's memory today and will strive to be worthy of the example they set throughout the time I am in this place.

I had introduced an amendment and intended to offer it today to increase the appropriations amount for the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center from \$3 million currently in the bill to the full funding level of \$10 million. However, I understand and very much appreciate the fact that my good friend, the chairman of the VA-HUD appropriations subcommittee, along with other distinguished managers of this bill, has agreed to increase the amount to \$5 million and to ultimately provide full funding at \$10 million in the conference report to accompany this legislation.

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, if the Senator from Minnesota will yield.

Mr. COLEMAN. I am happy to yield to my friend, the distinguished chairman of the VA-HUD appropriations subcommittee.

Mr. BOND. I commend the Senators from Minnesota for their tribute to our colleague, to Paul Wellstone and to Sheila Wellstone, Senator and Mrs. Wellstone.

We know what a priority this is for them and for the people of Minnesota.

We commend their devotion. I know I speak for my colleagues in the Chamber when I say we want to do everything we can to help ensure that the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community Building serves as a successful living memorial to the two fine friends we have lost.

In order to do this, we have, working with my distinguished ranking member, the Senator from Maryland, increased the appropriations in this bill from \$3 million to \$5 million. I assure the Senators that Senator MIKULSKI and I will work together with our counterparts in the House to achieve full funding, \$10 million, for the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center. This is something which we understand is very important, and they have our commitment to work very hard to see that those dollars are made available.

I thank the Chair and my colleague from Minnesota.

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I thank the distinguished chairman for his assistance on this matter that is so important to me and all the people of the State of Minnesota. I know Senator Wellstone and his wife will be honored by the tribute we pay them today.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, I appreciate the words of the chairman of the subcommittee, the Senator from Missouri. I appreciate the Senator staying here to engage my colleague from Minnesota and myself in this colloquy.

I accept as a matter of good faith the sincerity of the words expressed on the floor and also in conversation with the chairman of the full Appropriations Committee, Senator STEVENS from Alaska, that this full funding will be sought in conference with the House. In a moment now of suspension of disbelief and cynicism, I will trust and believe that actually will occur.

I must say, nothing I have seen so far in this process has persuaded me that this result is going to occur. Obviously, what happens here is decided by the actions of the 100 of us, and the House the same. Before my distinguished colleague from Minnesota was sworn in last November, Senator Wellstone's immediate successor, Senator Dean Barkley, in his 2 months as a Senator from Minnesota, distinguished himself in a number of ways. One of them was getting the support of the administration and the House-Senate Democratic and Republican caucuses and leaderships to a \$10 million authorization for this center that will be named after and honor the memory of Paul and Sheila Wellstone.

Ten million dollars is certainly real money, but in the scheme of a \$690 billion bill, it is a tiny speck. As we heard from Senator MCCAIN earlier, there are projects of far less merit that have been funded at significantly higher amounts than this particular project. It is hard to listen to all of that and see how some of these projects that are

not supported get in because a certain somebody is in favor of them. On a project such as this, which the entire Senate, only 2 months ago, voted unanimously to authorize at \$10 million, I understand full well that is not an appropriation, but it was certainly the expectation when this vote was taken that \$10 million was going to be needed and provided in a way that the memory of Paul and Sheila Wellstone could be recognized and acted upon and, in the spirit in which this project was passed, with unanimous, bipartisan support, that amount would be realized. Then we come back and hear at the beginning of this week that, in fact, only \$3 million out of the \$10 million was appropriated. Senator COLEMAN, to his credit, worked very hard this week within his caucus to raise that amount, I am told, to a commitment to \$5 million.

I know how difficult it is for a freshman Senator in the first 2 years to get \$2 million in this process. So I give the Senator from Minnesota high praise for getting \$2 million in his first month. Nevertheless, that is only half of the commitment.

To me, it is shameful that we are quibbling over this kind of funding for something that the entire Senate ought to be doing because they said they would do it, because it is the right thing to do.

Paul Wellstone was my friend of 22 years and colleague for the last 2 years. I would feel the same way if it were a member of the other caucus and if it were somebody whose ideological views were totally the opposite of mine. This man gave his life in the service of his country. His wife lost her life, and his daughter lost her life. There but for the grace of God go any one of us who get on these planes and fly around.

For the Senate to have made a commitment and then failed to honor that commitment in full without any of this finagling is disgraceful. To pretend that 5 is really 10 and half is really whole and we will get it next time or the next round in the process when, with our own opportunity right here in front of us, we failed to do so—again, I will trust, but as President Reagan said: Trust, but verify.

The State of Minnesota will be watching this process in conference to see if in fact we can count on the words that have been expressed here tonight.

I thank the Chair.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be

in a period of morning business and Senators be permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN KEVIN BAKKE

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to honor a great American and a valued public servant. Captain Kevin Bakke of the South Dakota Highway Patrol has served the people of South Dakota for more than 27 years. In his most recent capacity as the District One Commander in my hometown of Aberdeen, he oversaw all the law enforcement functions of the highway patrol for the northeastern region of South Dakota. His affable style of leadership is respected and well-liked by all those who know him.

During his 27 years as a law enforcement officer, Captain Bakke has served in various posts throughout the State of South Dakota. His talents were widely recognized by his peers and colleagues alike.

Kevin Bakke began his law enforcement career in 1975 as a trooper in Rapid City, was promoted to squad sergeant in Huron, and then to lieutenant in Aberdeen. Most recently, he has served capably as one of four captains in the South Dakota Highway Patrol.

Captain Bakke's absence will leave a void in the highway patrol, as many will miss his quick smile and skillful leadership. The citizens of South Dakota have been in good hands under Captain Bakke's protection. As he retires from the South Dakota Highway Patrol, I want to commend him for his extraordinary service to the people of our State, and to wish him the best in his new endeavors with the Transportation Security Administration.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTHY HOUSING'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the National Center for Healthy Housing as it celebrates its 10th year of protecting children from residential environmental hazards while preserving the supply of affordable housing.

The National Center for Healthy Housing was founded in 1992 as the National Center for Lead-Safe Housing to address the No. 1 environmental health problem facing our Nation's children, childhood lead poisoning, and the threat that lead paint posed to the preservation of our Nation's affordable housing stock. Since its inception, the center has become our country's preeminent source of technical and practical information on reducing the threat of lead paint hazards in housing. The center was responsible for publishing the first comprehensive technical guidelines for evaluating and controlling lead paint hazards in housing, which are still being used today. The

center conducted a scientific evaluation of 14 projects funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, (HUD), Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant program. The evaluation yielded important information about the effectiveness of lead hazard control treatments and the results continue to inform national lead poisoning prevention policy. The center also published a groundbreaking scientific study on the relationship between settled lead dust levels and blood lead levels in children. It was this study that highlighted the insidious nature of the hazardous dust generated from lead-based paint.

Despite its many research accomplishments, the center is perhaps best known for its unique ability to translate scientific research and Government regulations into results. When HUD published its final lead-safe housing regulation 2 years ago, communities expressed concern about the lack of trained personnel to carry out the rule's requirements. In response, the center administered training to over 14,000 individuals across the country, enabling them to perform the lead-related services required by the rule. When local housing programs expressed a need to better understand the rule's requirements and how to incorporate them into the Community Development Block Grant and HOME programs, the center provided training to over 2,000 housing program staff in over 40 communities.

Today, as the National Center for Healthy Housing, the center continues its commitment to childhood lead poisoning prevention and is expanding its expertise to other environmental hazards in the home such as mold, allergens, and other irritants.

As we celebrate the center's 10th anniversary, I would also like to pay tribute to its founding director, Nick Farr. Mr. Farr retired last October after a long and distinguished career in both the public and private sectors. Much of his professional experience was in the areas of housing finance, housing and urban development, and housing-based lead poisoning prevention. A graduate of Yale Law School, Mr. Farr spent the 1950s and early 1960s in private practice. In 1962, Mr. Farr joined the Agency for International Development at the U.S. Department of State as Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Near East and South Asia economic assistance programs. Five years later, President Lyndon Johnson appointed him Director of the Model Cities Administration at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In the 1970s, Mr. Farr was a New York University law professor before joining the U.S. Department of Commerce as General Counsel to the Economic Development Administration in 1977. In 1979, Mr. Farr was appointed General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Then in the 1980s,

Mr. Farr was Executive Director of the California Housing Finance Agency, Executive Vice President of the Wells Fargo Mortgage Company in California, and Vice President for Field Services at The Enterprise Foundation. During his tenure with The Enterprise Foundation, Mr. Farr served on the board of directors of a nonprofit housing developer based in Baltimore that focused on creating affordable, lead-safe housing units. As a result of his service on this board and his accumulated professional experience, in 1992, Mr. Farr conceived of, and created, the National Center for Lead-Safe Housing. As the founding director of the center, Mr. Farr helped spearhead a variety of public and private initiatives to protect our Nation's children from residential lead hazard exposures.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Nick Farr's legacy and the profound impact that the National Center for Healthy Housing has had and continues to have on the creation and maintenance of safer and healthier affordable housing for low-income families across our Nation.

ON LIBYA'S CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the selection of Libya this week to head the U.N. Human Rights Commission. Libya's taking the helm of the U.N. Human Rights Commission makes a mockery of that institution and deprives the U.N. and the world at large of credible leadership from that position at a critical time.

It is a well established fact that Libya's totalitarian regime under Muammar al-Qadhafi has had an abysmal human rights record and has been a leading state sponsor of terrorism. The most widely publicized incident was the 1988 bombing of Pan American Airways flight 103 that resulted in 270 deaths. The Iran Libya Sanctions Act, ILSA, was extended until August 2006 due to such support for terrorism, attempts to acquire weapons of mass destruction, and belligerency over territorial claims. I was proud to author the ILSA extension in the last Congress.

The Libyan government must improve its standing in the international community by ceasing support to terrorists and moving towards a more democratic system. Under current circumstances, however, this chairmanship will be sadly devoid of leadership by example. Libya's ascendancy to the chairmanship of the Commission has dealt an appalling blow to the cause of human rights and to the credibility of that U.N. body.

Last week my great friend and colleague, CHUCK SCHUMER, the senior Senator from New York, urged Secretary Powell to do all that he could to prevent this travesty.

I ask unanimous consent to have this letter from Senator SCHUMER and me printed in the RECORD.